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Applicant(s): CLARK et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed February 27, 2004, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from May 27, 2004 to August 27, 2004.

Applicants previously requested a two-month extension of time on July 13, 2004 and Applicants' Representatives' Deposit account was charged in the amount of \$210. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that only the amount attributable to the third month (\$265) is required at this time.

Please charge the additional amount of \$265 (= \$475-\$210 previously paid) to cover the required extension fee, and any additional fees or credit any over-payment to PTO Deposit Account No.13-4895.

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10:

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